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C O N F I D E N T I A L ATHENS 6272

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MARR, GR, US  
SUBJ: TRIAL OF ATTACKERS OF U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL IN CRETE

REF: ATHENS 6064 (DTG 301539Z JUN 77)

1. THREE GREEK YOUTHS ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ASSAULT ON FIVE U.S. NAVY PERSONNEL AND AN AMERICAN MERCHANT SEAMAN IN HANIA ON JUNE 28 (REFTEL) WERE TRIED AND CONVICTED BY THE HANIA MAGISTRATE'S COURT ON JULY 1. THEY RECEIVED SENTENCES OF TEN, SIX AND FIVE MONTHS IN PRISON. ALL THREE WERE RELEASED PENDING APPEAL. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY GOG AUTHORITIES THAT THE THREE YOUTHS ARE AFFILIATED WITH THE LEFTIST PAN HELLENIC SOCIALIST MOVEMENT (PASOK).

2. THE GOG ACTED WITH DISPATCH TO APPREHEND AND TRY THE ASSAULTERS. IN THIS REGARD, DEFENSE MINISTER AVEROFF APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL BEHIND THE SCENES IN BRINGING ABOUT QUICK ACTION. AVEROFF TOLD THE DCM THAT ALTHOUGH THE SENTENCES THEMSELVES WERE  
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RELATIVELY LIGHT, THE EXAMPLE HAD BEEN SET THAT SUCH ACTS WILL NOT BE CONDONED BY THE GOG...AND THE MINISTER EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE CONVICTIONS WILL SERVE AS DETERRENTS TO FURTHER PROVOCATIONS.  
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